

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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July 2013

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<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	degli@lagrant.net

ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS		54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
(check box when complete)			
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet			
Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers			
<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet			
<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	608-443500 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	degli@lagrange.net
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

Name of Attached Document

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached documents(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
 <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
 <115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality
 <116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage
 <117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity
 <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

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<020>	Program Year	2016
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<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data

<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 6087443500 ext.

<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	degli@lagrant.net
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	6287443500 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	degliel@grant.net

<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date
<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

1/1/2014

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	603-443500 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dogli@laguardia.net

- See attached worksheet -

(800) Operating Companies
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<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Deb Equi

<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	6087443500 ext.
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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> degli@lagrant.net

<810> Reporting Carrier Belmont Telephone Company

<811>	Holding Company	LIST
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<812>	Operating Company	Belmont Telephone Company
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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	degli@lagrant.net

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

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|---|--|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
<922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
<923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
<924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
<925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
<926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
<927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
<928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
<929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Select
(Yes, No,
NA)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> </tr> </table> | Select
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**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	6087443500 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	degli@lagrant.net

Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul
<1120> options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

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Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers
<1130> broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps
upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

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(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	603749552, ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	debell@montpelier.com

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

330847w11200.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <http://tele.montpelier.com/site/index/terms/belmont>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,

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<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,

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<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**Data Collection Form****Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers**

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	deegli@lagrange.net

CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2010> 2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1))
 <2011> 3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2))

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Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))

<2012> 2013 Frozen Support Certification
 <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Certification
 <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Certification
 <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))

<2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

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Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))

<2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
 <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification
 <2019> Interim Progress Certification
 <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

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<2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation

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<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	6087441500 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	degle@bq.net

CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

- (3010) **Progress Report on 5 Year Plan**
Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(iii). The carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. ☐

- (3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))?
(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Yes/No) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

- (3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports: Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers; ☐
(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows; ☐

- (3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3018) If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited?

(Yes/No) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

- (3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications ☐

- (3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☐

- (3021) Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. ☐

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

- (3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers. ☐

- (3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant ☐

- (3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification. ☐

- (3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☐

- (3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**Certification - Reporting Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	BELMONT TEL CO
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Reborah Egli
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	VP
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	6087443500 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	330847 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2014
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**Certification - Agent / Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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Attachments

**(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> jeffrey.kusulant@net

<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date

<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Belmont Telephone Company
<811>	Holding Company	None
<812>	Operating Company	Belmont Telephone Company

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
	BRETTON WOODS TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	123038	Bretton Woods, World Surfer
	CASSADAGA TELEPHONE COMPANY	180276	Cassadaga, DFT, Netsync, DFT Communications
	DUNKIRK & FREDONIA TELEPHONE COMPANY	153391	Dunkirk & Fredonia Telephone, DFT, Netsync, DFT Communications
	UPPER PENINSULA TELEPHONE COMPANY	313732	Michigan Broadband Services, UPTC, MCBC, Alphacomm.net
	MICHIGAN CENTRAL BROADBAND COMPANY	313785	Michigan Broadband Services, MCBC, Alphacomm.net
	BELMONT TELEPHONE COMPANY	330847	Belmont, LaGrant Connections, LLC
	CUBA CITY TELEPHONE EXCHANGE COMPANY	330872	Cuba City, LaGrant Connections, LLC
	CENTRAL SCOTT TELEPHONE COMPANY	351125	Central Scott
	CST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	359332	CST Communications, iWireless
	INTERCOMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY	381616	InterCommunity
	HAVILAND TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	411780	Haviland, Giant Communications, Inc.
	J. B. N. TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	411785	J.B.N., Giant Communications, Inc.
	WESTERN NEW MEXICO TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	492268	WNM Communications
	CENTRAL UTAH TEL INC	502277	CentraCom Interactive
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	BEAR LAKE COMM	503332	CentraCom Interactive
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Line 112 – Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan

As required in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(1)(ii), the following pages provide the Company's five-year service quality improvement plan that describes with specificity the proposed improvements and/or upgrades over the next five years to the applicant's network throughout the Company's service area. While the plan being presented for this Rural Local Exchange Carrier ("RLEC") is based on the best information that we have at this time, it is important to note that circumstances may change, such that the five-year service quality improvement plan being presented herein, may need to change substantially including, but not limited to, changes based on factors such as those listed below:

ISSUES WHICH MAY REQUIRE FUTURE MODIFICATIONS TO THE COMPANY'S FIVE-YEAR PLAN:

The five-year plan, as detailed on the following pages, is subject to the following:

- 1) **Revenue Recovery:** The ability to finance the capital expenditures planned for the five-year plan period, either through internally generated funds or external financing, are predicated on the expected revenue flows to be derived by these capital expenditures. If revenues would not be achieved either due to changes in regulations including, but not limited to, reductions in federal or state universal service support mechanisms or intercarrier compensation or by significant reductions in the number of services subscribed to by the Company's customers, adjustments to the proposed capital expenditures in the five-year plan would be required. For example, if the support revenues that would be derived based on the capital expenditures would be reduced due to eliminations of Universal Service Fund ("USF") mechanisms or significant changes to those USF programs, revisions to the five-year plan may be required.

In addition, if USF programs remain the same, but due to the computation of the program, USF revenues decline, adjustments to the five-year plan may be required. For example, if increases in the National Average Cost Per Loop ("NACPL"), which are very difficult to predict, substantially reduces the High Cost Loop Support ("HCLS") for the Company or if the impact of the corporate cap on the Interstate Common Line Support ("ICLS") mechanisms were to substantially reduce the Company's USF payments, then the capital expenditures in the five-year plan may need to be reduced.

- 2) **Permits:** It is not possible to predict the ability to obtain all necessary permits, including easements and rights-of-way, within the five-year time-frame required to complete the capital expenditures included in the Company's five-year plan. Permits can be, and often are, delayed significantly by various governmental agencies and those delays are totally outside the control of the Company.

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- 3) **Weather Issues:** It is not possible to predict the impact of the weather on the installation of the capital expenditures included in the Company's five-year plan. For example, if the ground is frozen, the timing of installing facilities can be significantly delayed and those delays are totally outside the control of the Company.
- 4) **Lead Time to Obtain Materials from Vendors:** It is not possible to predict when a material critical for the capital expenditures included in the Company's five-year plan may come into a shortage situation. For example, in the last couple of years, the industry experienced a shortage of fiber optic cable where there was an 18 month lead time to obtain fiber optic cable. Delays of this nature are impossible to predict and are totally outside the control of the Company.
- 5) **Lead time to get Contractors to Install Facilities:** Just as with the materials, the Company has experienced times when it was not able to obtain contractors to install the equipment because the Company is not large enough compared to other firms wanting the contractor to do work for them. Therefore, the Company had to wait until much later than anticipated to get the contractor to come install the facilities for them. Once again, delays of this nature are impossible to predict and are totally outside the control of the Company.
- 6) **Increases in Construction Costs:** Just as with any business, it is impossible to predict if certain key material or installation costs will increase significantly during the period of time included in this five-year plan. During the last few decades, the telecommunications industry has undergone periods of time where material and installation costs escalated due to circumstances beyond the control of the Company (e.g., Hurricane Katrina, etc.). Price increases of this nature are impossible to predict and are totally outside the control of the Company.

If any of these, or items similar to these, occur, the Company may need to modify the five-year plan.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN OVERVIEW:

In addition to providing voice and broadband services, the company provides custom calling features and long distance services to the customers located in its service area. The Company has developed this five-year plan in order to continue to improve service quality, coverage and/or capacity to the subscribers located in its RLEC service area.

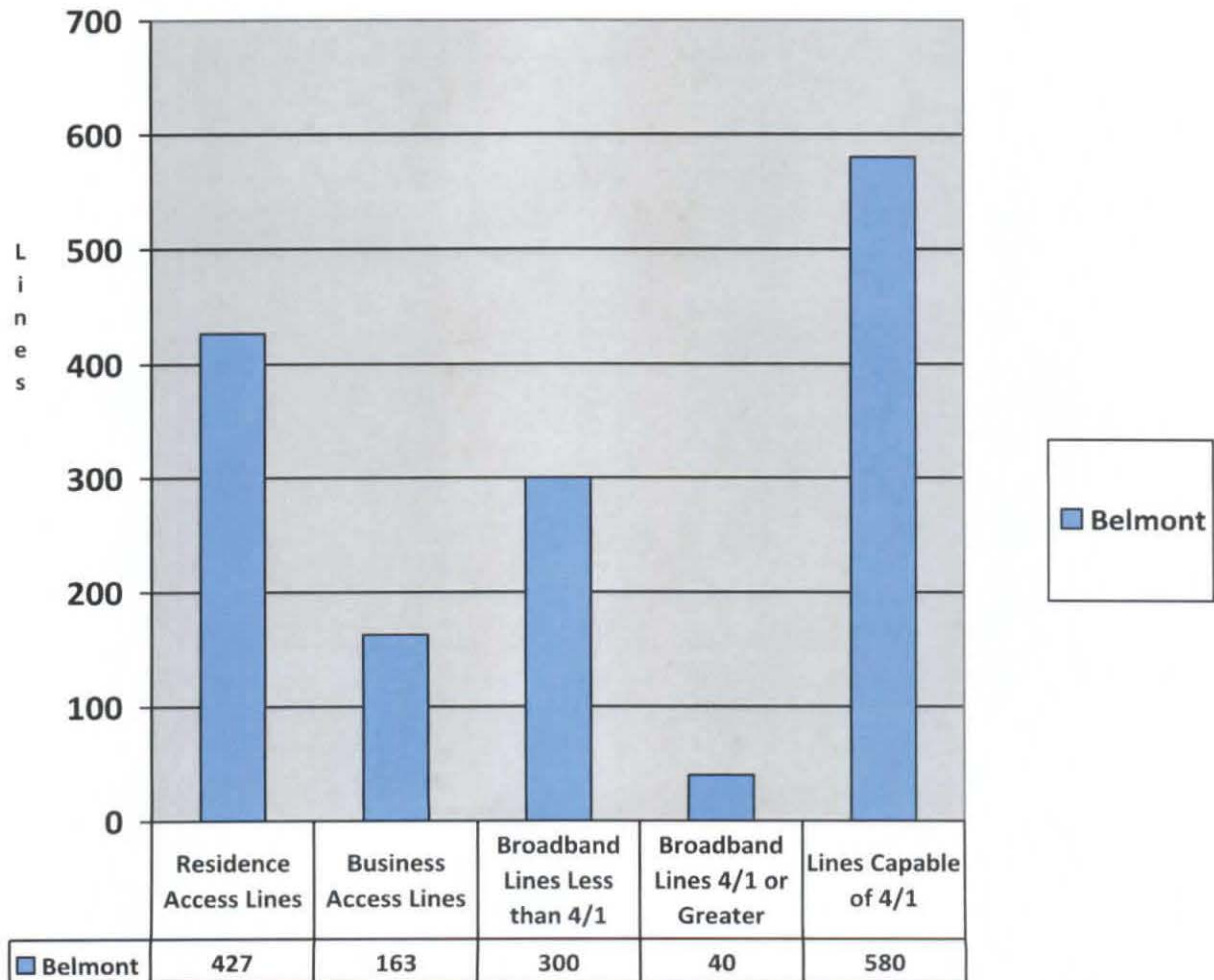
The Company provides service through a combination of copper and fiber optic cable with electronics between the central office and the subscriber terminal equipment (e.g., Digital Loop Carriers ("DLCs")) in the field. The last mile facilities, for the vast majority of our customers, are provided over copper cable with fiber optic cable and electronics being used for many of the anchor institutions. It is the company's intention to continue to install fiber optic cable and electronics, wherever feasible. As technology continues to change, the company will need to

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adapt and transition from the TDM-based network to an IP-network. The Company is continually assessing the most cost-effective technology solutions to provide our customers the services they request.

COMPANY SERVICE AREA INCLUDED IN FIVE-YEAR PLAN:

The Company serves a very rural portion of the United States where there are numerous challenges to serving the most rural customer locations. Within the RLEC's service territory of approximately 86.75 square miles, the company provides voice service to residential and business access lines and broadband service as shown below:



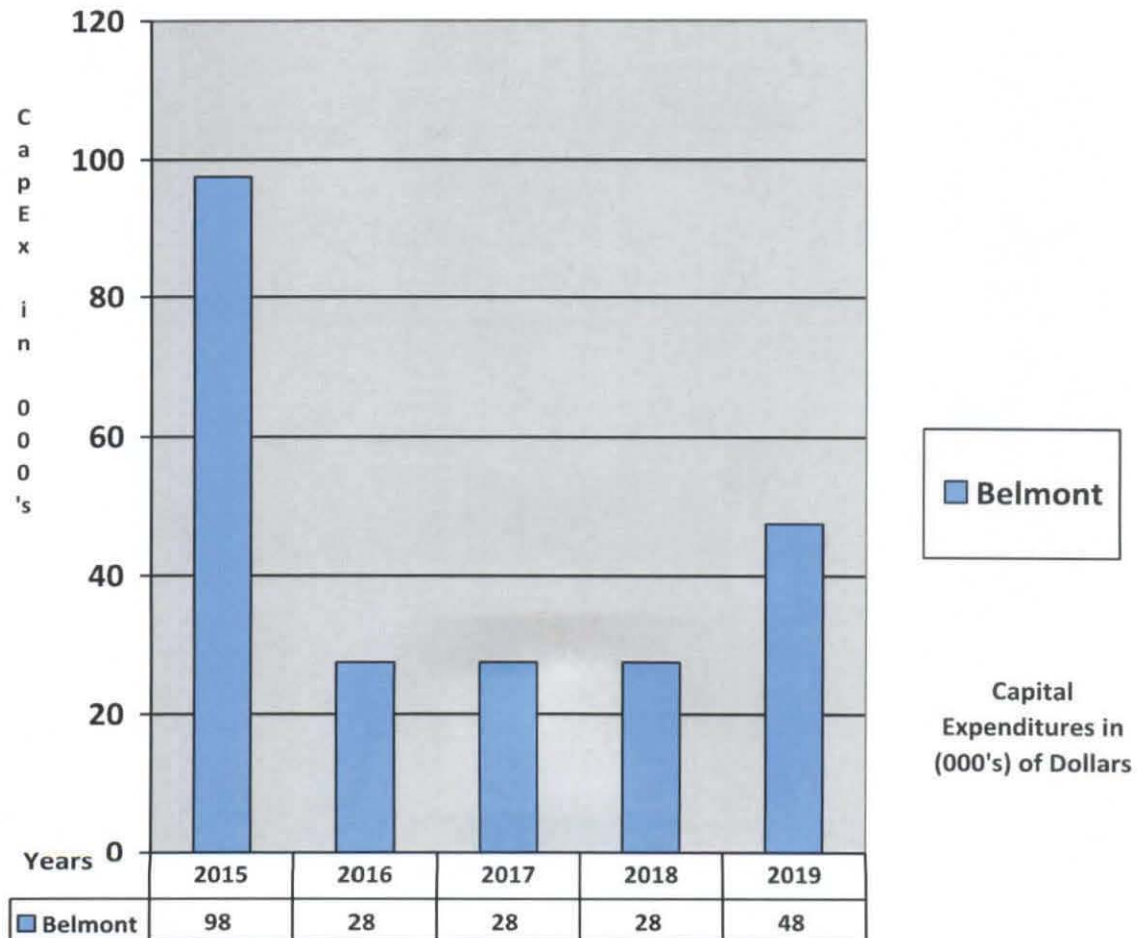
The company only has one exchange and wire center; therefore, the five-year plan is presented at the exchange level (which is also the wire center level). The above chart shows the breakdown of the number of access lines within the RLEC territory for residence and business and the number of broadband lines subscribed to by customers at a speed less than 4 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up and those broadband lines at or above at a speed of 4 Mbps down and 1

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Mbps up. As shown on the chart above, there are still a significant number of customers that subscribe to broadband service at a speed less than 4 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up. The company is making significant efforts to market and transition customers to higher speed service so that they can have the full benefit of the information super-highway. It is important to note on the chart that all but a very small number of customers are capable of receiving 4 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up; however, the customers have not yet been willing to subscribe to the higher speed services.

TOTAL ESTIMATED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BY EXCHANGE:

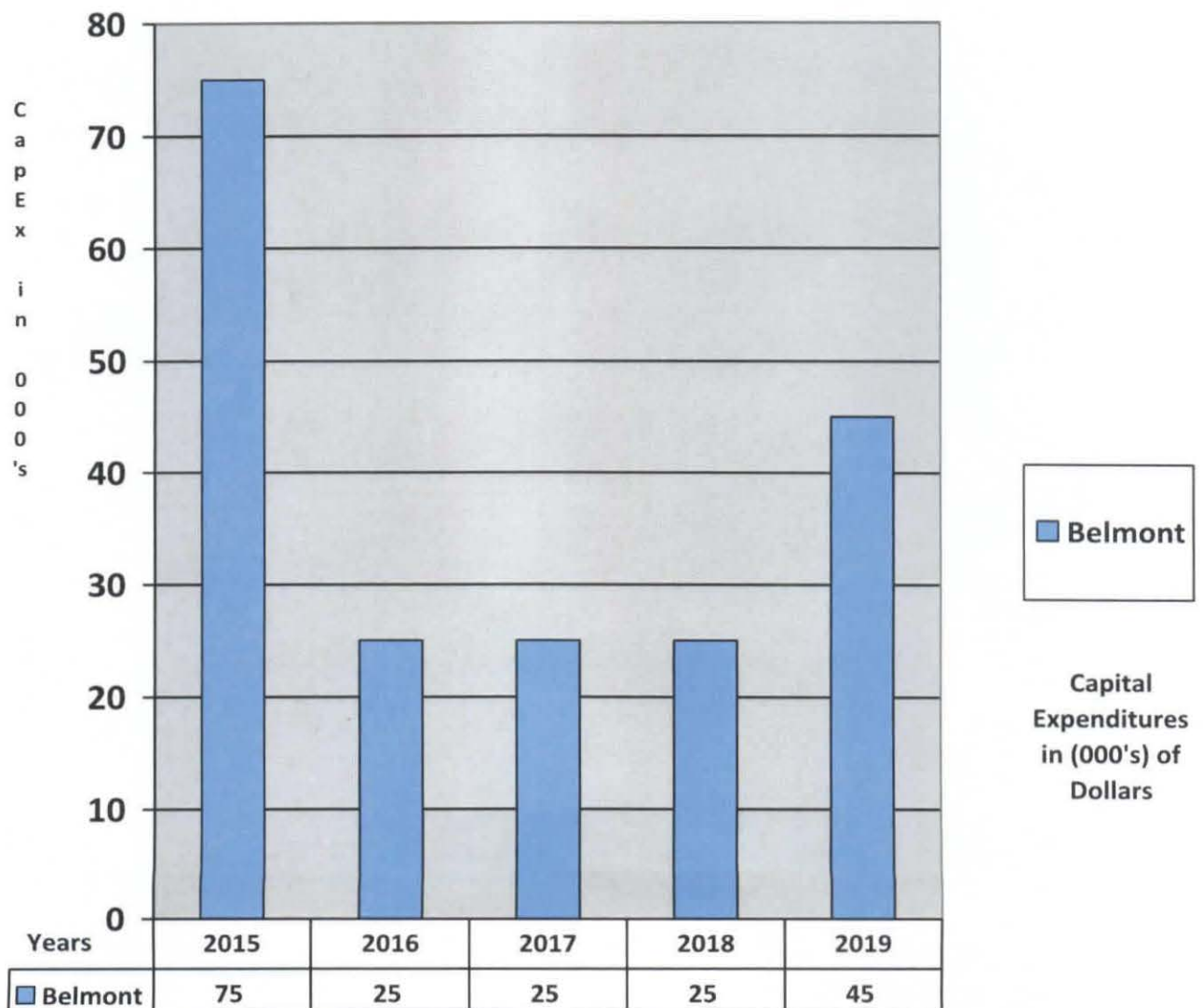
The total estimated regulated capital expenditures for the RLEC for each of the years in the five-year plan in each of the Company's exchanges are estimated to be as follows:



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FACILITIES TO SHORTEN LOOP LENGTH:

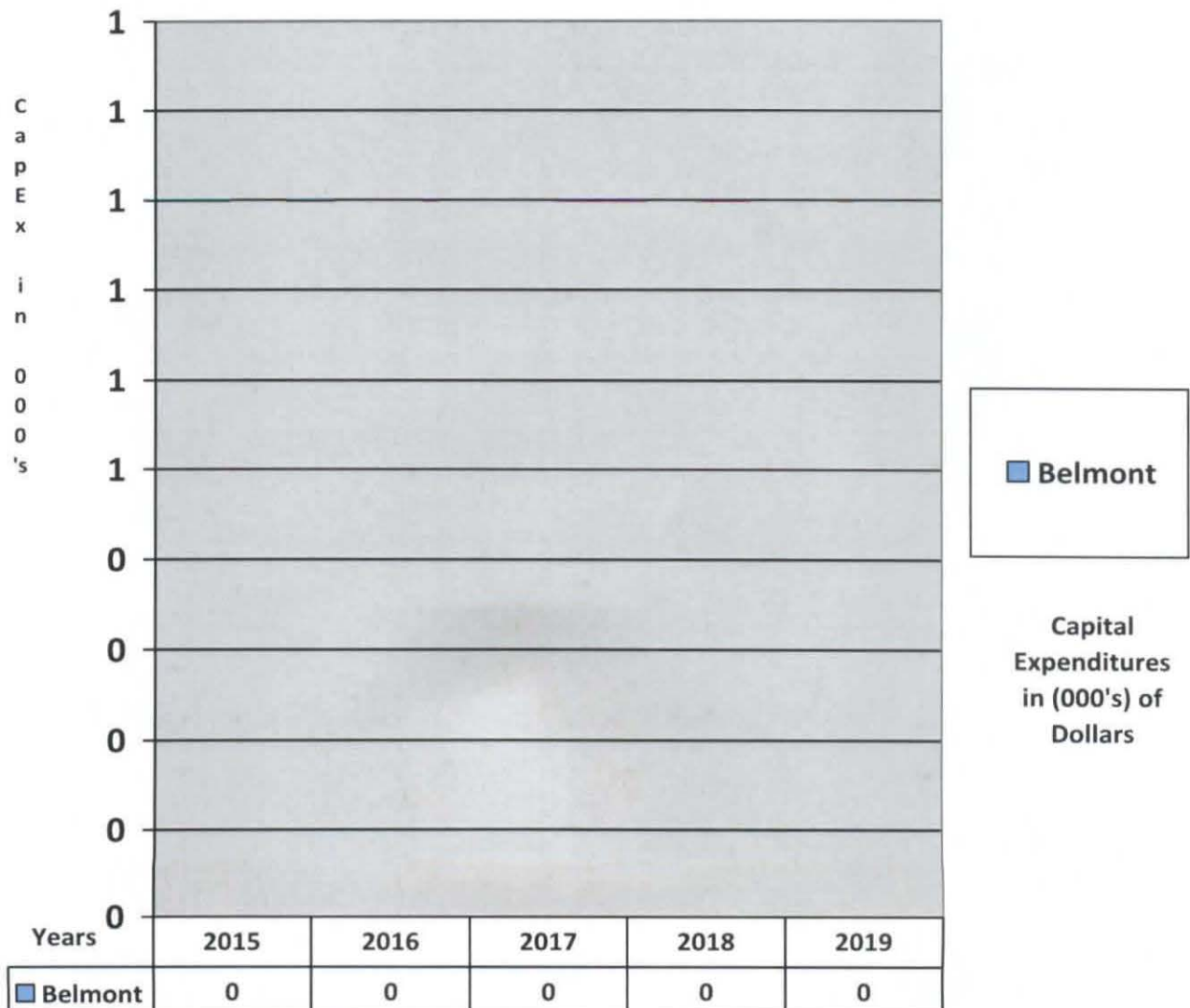
The Company understands that customers continually want and need more bandwidth. Due to the extremely remote territory of the customer, one of the obstacles to providing greater speeds to some of the Company's customers is the distance from the nearest electronic site to the customer location. Shortening that portion of the loop allows the company to provide greater speed; therefore, the Company intends to install cable and wire facilities and/or circuit equipment in each of the Company's exchanges as shown below:



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SWITCHING EQUIPMENT:

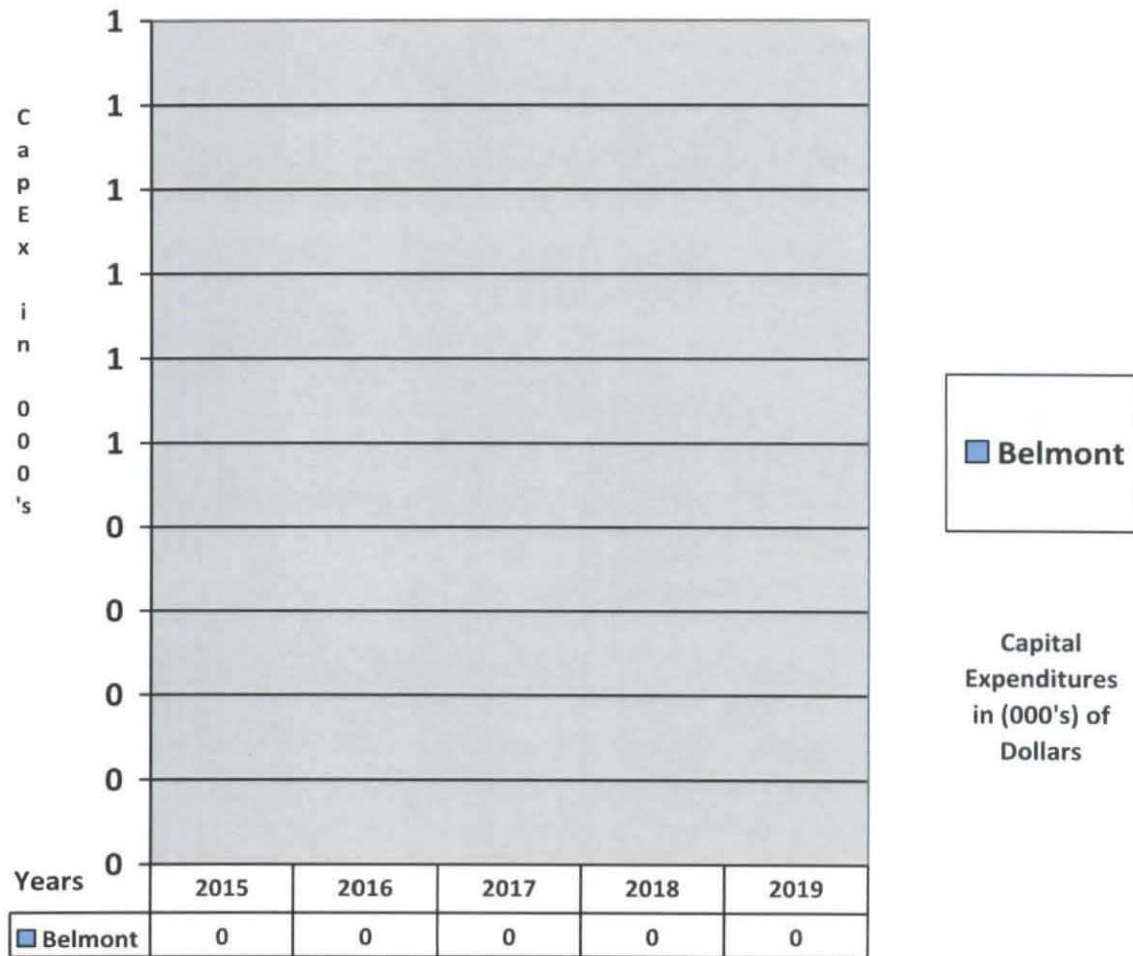
The Company is continuing to upgrade switching facilities due to the transformation from TDM to the IP-based technologies. These upgrades may include, but are not limited to, softswitches, media gateways or other equipment. Prior to acquisition of switching equipment, the company analyzes what would be the best technological solution since vendors go out of business, new products are released to market and upgrades may be made to existing equipment which may allow the equipment to continue to be used more cost effectively. At this time, the Company is not proposing any upgrades to its switching equipment as shown below:



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INTEREXCHANGE FACILITIES:

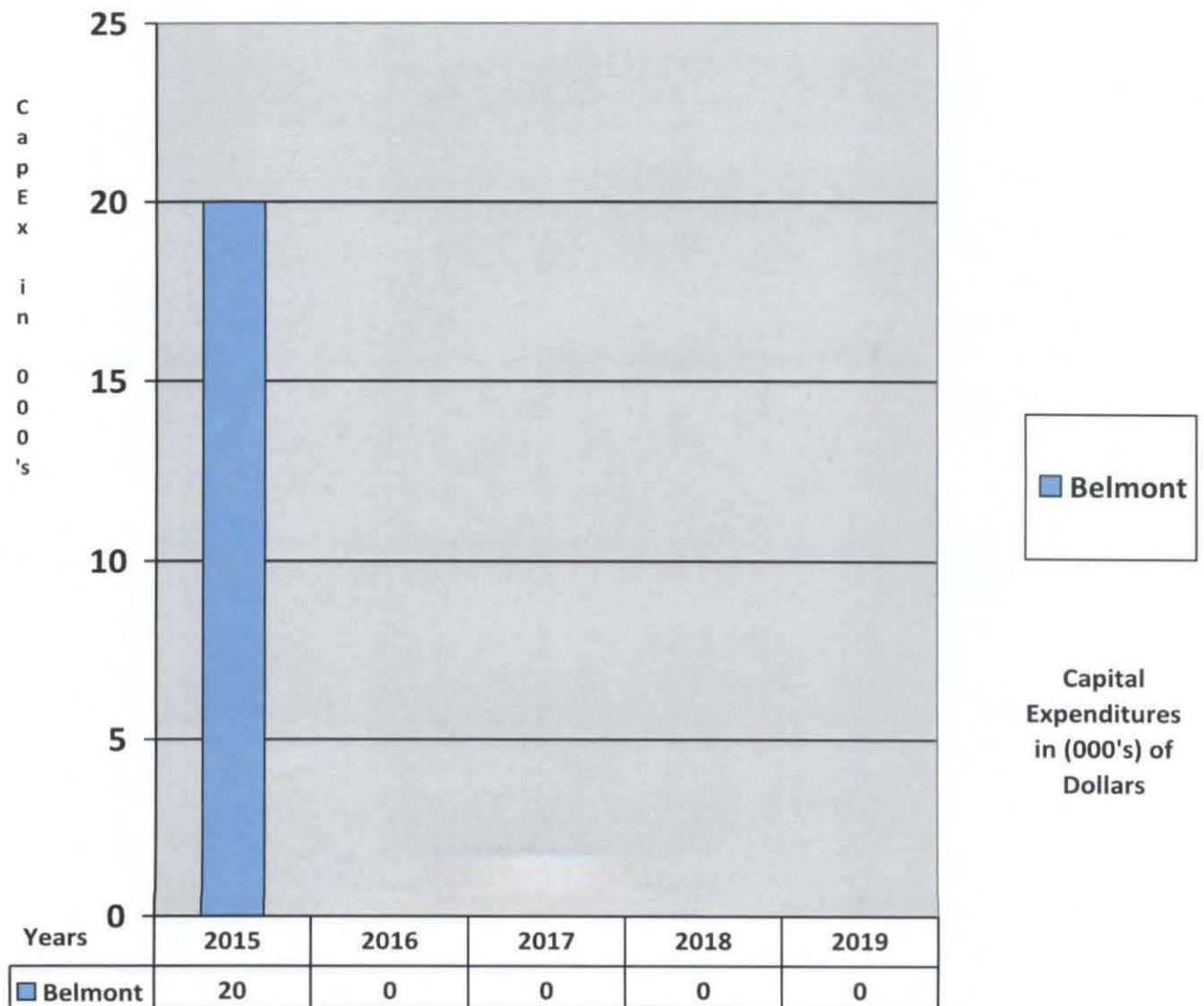
The Company interconnects with CenturyLink's meet point approximately 7.2 miles from the Belmont central office. At this time, the Company is not proposing any upgrades to its interexchange facilities as shown below:



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GENERAL SUPPORT FACILITIES:

The Company must continually upgrade the general support facilities (i.e., computers, furniture, office equipment, vehicles, land and buildings) due to technology changes, obsolescence and personnel needs in order to provide both voice and broadband service to its customers. The following is the current plan for general support facility capital expenditures in the five-year plan:



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COMPANY POLICY TO DETERMINE IF A REQUEST FOR BROADBAND SERVICE IS REASONABLE:

Under the framework adopted by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*, as a rate-of-return carrier, the Company, is required to deploy broadband-capable infrastructure to a customer upon reasonable request.

The FCC expressly recognized that there are some areas of the country where it is cost prohibitive to extend broadband using terrestrial wireline technology and, that in some areas, satellite or fixed wireless technologies may be more cost-effective options to extend service.

It is the Company's policy to deploy broadband-capable infrastructure to a customer, upon reasonable request, as defined below.

GENERAL POLICY:

When evaluating a request to extend broadband service, the Company shall consider whether it would be reasonable to make the necessary upgrades in light of anticipated revenues. A reasonable request is one where the Company could cost-effectively extend a voice and broadband-capable network to that location. In determining whether a particular upgrade is cost effective, the Company shall consider not only its anticipated end-user revenues from the services to be offered over that network, both voice and retail broadband internet access, but also other sources of support, such as federal and, where available, state universal service funding projected to be available under current rules.

In considering end-user revenues, the Company shall take into account the reasonable comparability benchmark for broadband services, as appropriate. If the incremental cost of undertaking the necessary upgrades to a particular location exceed the revenues that could be expected from that upgraded line, a request would not be reasonable.

A request to upgrade an existing voice line to provide broadband service would not be reasonable if it would require new investments that would cause total high-cost support, excluding CAF ICC, to exceed \$250 per line per month in a given study area.

As the FCC determined in the *Third Order on Reconsideration*, the Company may also take into account backhaul costs or other unique circumstances that may make it cost-prohibitive to extend service to particular customers.

EXTENUATING CONSIDERATIONS AND EXECUTIVE APPROVALS:

In addition to the above stated general policy, additional factors, including, but not limited to, items such the following shall be considered prior to denying the provision of broadband service based on a request of a customer as not reasonable:

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- Extremely high potential for significant other residential or business customers in the area within a reasonable amount of time.
- Anchor institution requirements.
- Possible community development potential.
- Health and public safety concerns, including, but not limited to, E-911 issues.
- Other health, economic development and/or welfare factors.
- Financing agency or Commission, either state or federal, mandates or requirements.

If it is determined that additional, extenuating circumstances are relevant and should be considered, Company executive review and approval is required for the project to be undertaken if does not meet the terms of the general policy stated above.

FURTHER SPEED ENHANCEMENTS: If the FCC were to revise its broadband performance obligations to require higher speeds, such as 10 Mbps downstream, new deployments would, most likely, be required to meet the new benchmark. The Company would only be required to meet that higher speed if the request for service was *reasonable*.

CONCLUSION:

The Company's five-year service quality improvement plan is designed to continue to improve and upgrade facilities in order to provide customers with the highest quality voice and broadband service in the most cost-effective manner. This includes shortening the length of the loops, as needed, in order to provide greater bandwidth to the customer, augmenting and upgrading the facilities to the meet point connection, as needed, to provide greater speeds and sufficient facilities for special access circuits, including, but not limited to, dedicated facilities to wireless towers, modifying switching equipment, as needed, in order to provide the services and features desired by the customer, and adding/replacing general support equipment, as needed, in order to continue to operate as a company and provide service to the end user.

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Line 510 - Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection

As required in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) for High-cost Recipients, the following is a detailed description of how the Company complies with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules.

SERVICE QUALITY STANDARDS: The Company abides by the State Commission's requirements for service quality. All required reporting is done with the Company in full compliance of the service quality standard requirements.

CONSUMER PROTECTION RULES:

The Company developed and implemented a Customer Proprietary Network Information ("CPNI") Compliance Manual and has appointed a CPNI Compliance Officer. Annually, the Company requires all employees to certify that they have reviewed and understand the CPNI Compliance Manual and that they understand that any violation of the Company's CPNI procedures may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. The Company files an annual report with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") certifying compliance with the FCC's CPNI rules.

The Company also developed and implemented an Identity Theft Prevention Program Manual and has appointed a Red Flag Coordinator. Annually, the Company requires all employees certify that they have reviewed and understand the Identity Theft Prevention Program Manual. Further, employees must certify that they understand that any violation of the Company's identity theft prevention procedures may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

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Belmont Telephone Company, Inc.
Line 610 – Functionality in Emergency Situations

As required in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6) for all high cost recipients, which includes the Company, and as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2), the following provides a detailed description demonstrating that the Company has the ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that 1) it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, 2) is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and 3) is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

OVERALL RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS: The Company has a comprehensive disaster recovery plan (also called a “continuity plan”) that was developed and implemented for the Company specifically to deal with emergencies. It has detailed, specific steps that are to be taken for each type of emergency.

POWER: In order to function in an emergency, the Company has a combination of batteries and emergency generators. Some locations have permanent emergency generators with fuel tanks; whereas, other locations require a portable generator to be brought to the location to recharge the on-site batteries. The company owns several portable generators that technicians can take out to recharge the batteries. For example, the company’s central offices have automatic stand-by generators to run the entire offices. The digital loop carrier (“DLC”) sites also have battery back-up.

REROUTING TRAFFIC AND REDUNDANCY: The Company has established 100% redundant E-911 trunks and SS-7 routes. In addition, the network was designed with redundancy, wherever possible, especially in the backbone network. Where it is not redundant, the Company has the ability to redirect most backbone traffic. In cases where there is no redundancy, it is due to the extreme cost of a 100% redundant network. For example, the loop to the customer location is typically not redundant, especially for residential customers. This is because it would not be cost effective to build totally separate facilities for the “last mile” to the customer.

MANAGING TRAFFIC SPIKES: The Company realizes that when a catastrophe happens, everyone immediately tries to contact friends and family to make certain they are all right. The Company has designed the network to have excess capacity on its backbone network. For example, on Mother’s Day, the company handles traffic without the customer receiving the “All Trunks Busy” message which demonstrates the Company’s ability to handle peak traffic spikes.

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Line 1010 – Voice Services Rate Comparability

As required in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(10), any recipient of high-cost support shall provide a letter certifying that the pricing of the company's voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice services, as specified in the most recent public notice issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. The following provides the Company's support for Line 1010 - Description of Voice Service Rate Comparability.

As of January 1, 2014, the Company charges the following fixed voices prices for residential service:

Flat Rate Residential Service	\$14.00
Residential State Subscriber Line Charge	0.00
State Universal Service Charge Fee	0.00
Mandatory Extended Area Service	0.00
Residential Federal Subscriber Line Charge	<u>6.50</u>
Total Residential Fixed Voice Charges	<u>\$20.50</u>

Since the total for residential fixed voice that the Company charges, as shown above, is below the \$46.96, which is two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice services, announced by the FCC Wireline Competition Bureau in the Public Notice released on March 20, 2014 (DA 14-384), the Company hereby certifies that it is in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(10).

Belmont Telephone Company Lifeline Terms and Conditions

This program can help low-income customers reduce their telephone bills. Lifeline makes telephone service more affordable for income-eligible households by reducing the basic monthly charge for one telephone line.

How Much Can I Save Per Month?

Lifeline will generally reduce the cost of monthly telephone service for eligible households by \$10.00. If the cost of monthly traditional telephone service is more than \$25.00, a credit will be issued so that the monthly charge is no more than \$15 for a basic residential line, 120 local calls, 911 costs and the Federal Subscriber Line Charge (SLC).

Lifeline customers who choose a prepaid wireless service will receive a set number of minutes each month (at no charge) equivalent to the \$10.00 credit on landline services. Additional charges will apply if you have higher usage.

Lifeline Providers

Most wireline and wireless providers offer a Lifeline service. A list of Lifeline Providers can be found on the Public Service Commission website at: psc.wi.gov/Lifeline

How Do I Apply?

First, contact your telephone service provider and ask to apply for **Lifeline** assistance for Wisconsin residents. The service provider will need to verify that you are eligible.

If you are currently receiving benefits from one of the programs listed in this brochure, but your **Lifeline** application was denied, contact your case worker or county benefits specialist.

NOTE: If you are getting a **Lifeline** service from one provider, you cannot also get **Lifeline** from another provider. For instance, if you have a **Lifeline** service in your home, you are not eligible to also get a Lifeline supported pre-paid wireless service. The Company's voice lifeline plan includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. The Company's voice lifeline plan does not include any free minutes-of-use for toll unless a "bundled minutes" package is chosen.

Who is Eligible to Participate in Lifeline?

Eligible customers include those that receive benefits from:

- Wisconsin Homestead Tax Credit (Schedule H)
- Wisconsin Works (W2)
- Medical Assistance (MA)
- Badger Care
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Food Stamps
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- TANF
- National School Lunch Program

Residents of tribal lands may also qualify for **Lifeline** and **Link-Up** (assistance with the cost of initially getting telephone service) by participating in a federal tribal assistance program and may be eligible for additional credits. Please contact your Tribal Authority for additional information.

Lifeline Facts and Benefits

- A **Lifeline** customer's local telephone service will not be disconnected for non-payment of long distance charges.

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- Being a **Lifeline** customer **does not** protect you from disconnection if you do not pay your local telephone bill.
 - 900-number blocking and other forms of toll blocking are available at no charge.
 - If you apply for Lifeline telephone service and have an outstanding debt with a telecommunications provider, payment arrangements must be negotiated before the telephone service will be installed.

Questions?

Your local telephone service provider should be your first contact if you have questions regarding **Lifeline**. If you have further questions or a complaint about **Lifeline** then call the Public Service Commission.

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is an independent state agency that oversees more than 1,100 Wisconsin public utilities that provide natural gas, electricity, heat, steam, water and telecommunications.